

Project EASIER Contact Persons:

Project EASIER Bulletins are a periodic communication tool that provide information and/or reminders about the project. The bulletins are disseminated to superintendents and all identified local district contact persons. If you would like others in your district to receive the bulletins, add them to the EASIER/BEDS/ID Contact Person Application located at <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/securelogin.asp>. Bulletins will be placed on the <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/fis/pre/pe/index.html> Project EASIER information website for future reference at <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/44/310/1/3/>.

December 15, 2006 Deadline for 2005-2006 Dropout Report Certification

The official 2005-2006 Dropout Report for your district will be available for review and certification on **Monday, December 11**. To access the report go to <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/securelogin.asp> and select the 2005-2006 Dropout Report from the Application Menu.

This district report has been prepared using data that you reported and certified in the spring and the fall of 2006. Students reported as dropouts in the spring of 2006 but who were then reported as enrolled in an Iowa district on October 2, 2006 have been removed from your dropout count. **Please review this report and if the SUMMARY looks correct, click the Certify button.** If you have questions, call one of the consultants listed on the web page. **Deadline: Friday, December 15, 2006.** The short timeline is a result of an unexpected change in Federal reporting requirements.

Winter Test Site Opens December 11, 2006

The Winter web site will be open for **district test submissions** from Monday, December 11 to Thursday, January 4. Go to <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/securelogin.asp> and select the Project EASIER Winter 2006 Application. Test submissions provide an excellent opportunity to check data prior to the actual submissions. Only curriculum for grades 9-12 is required and will be used. You will notice that many new validation checks have been added. The certification deadline for this curriculum report is February 2, 2007.

Timeline

December 11	Application Test Site Opens
January 4	Application Test Site Closed
January 8	Production Site Opens
February 2	Production Site Closed

New Curriculum Data Elements

As stated during the November ICN sessions, two new curriculum data elements are required for **all** courses. They are Course Type and Institution Providing the Course. Further information regarding this submission is available at <http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/44/310/1/1/>.

Correct Software Version

Unless your software vendor indicated otherwise, use the same extract for this submission as you did for fall. **Be certain that your software has been updated to reflect the Vender Certification version on the EASIER Application menu.**

Service Learning Indicator

The nine Service Learning data elements intended for collection in Spring 2007 will no longer be required. There is no need to enter these data. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 515-281-7509 or coleen.mcclanahan@iowa.gov <<mailto:coleen.mcclanahan@iowa.gov>>.

Thank you.

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